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TO AMEMBASSY DHAKA IMMEDIATE

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FOR DCM NACH FROM JOHN HOLZMAN

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: AMGT, BG

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL NO. 25

1. (C) RWANDA AND UNAMIR: AFTER TALKING WITH THE AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING, PAUL SPOKE WITH BOTH IO/UNP AND USUN ABOUT THE BDG AND UNAMIR. THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR IS STILL UP IN THE AIR AS OF EARLY EVENING MONDAY IN NEW YORK. WE AND THE EUROPEANS OPPOSE KEEPING UNAMIR ALIVE AND THINK THAT WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR FORCES IS THE BEST APPROACH, BUT THE NAM COUNTRIES WANT UNAMIR TO CONTINUE, AND WE ARE OUTVOTED SO FAR ON THIS ISSUE. DEBATE AND CONSULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING, NO ONE KNOWS WHEN A DECISION

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WILL BE REACHED, AND THE SITUATION COULD CHANGE QUICKLY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

2. (C) UNAMIR, CONT.: FOR NOW, IO/UNP SAYS WE SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE TALKING POINTS IN STATE 99440, BUT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE EMBASSY BE CAUTIOUS AND NOT TOO CATEGORICAL ABOUT RECOMMENDING A PULLOUT, SINCE THE UNSC APPEARS NOT TO BE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. ACCORDING TO IO, ONLY THE BELGIANS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY ARE WITHDRAWING, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE OTHERS ARE CONSIDERING IT. USUN

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APOLOGIZED FOR NOT SENDING DHAKA ALL ITS REPORTING ON THE

LAST FEW DAYS' UNSC DEBATE BUT PROMISED TO DO SO FROM NOW ON. YOU ALSO WILL BE RECEIVING A FRONT-CHANNEL REPLY TO DHAKA 2815.

3. (LOU) APPEALS FOR FUNDING FOR ROHINGYAS: PAUL TALKED AGAIN WITH RP ABOUT THE STATUS OF OUR RESPONSES TO THE CURRENT UNHCR APPEAL FOR REPATRIATION FUNDS AND TO THE UNHCR REQUEST TO REPROGRAM UNUSED 1992 MONEY INTO AID TO AFFECTED BANGLADESH VILLAGES (GENEVA 2753, DHAKA 2554). THE RESPONSE ON THE CURRENT APPEAL SHOULD BE FINALIZED LATE THIS WEEK; NO INFO ON THE AMOUNT. THE NEWS IS LESS POSITIVE ON THE VILLAGE REPROGRAMMING. APPARENTLY THE PLEDGE LETTERS ACCOMPANYING THE 1992 USG DONATIONS STATED THAT ANY UNUSED MONEY "MUST" BE RETURNED TO THE USG, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO APPROVE REPROGRAMMING. FURTHER, THE ACCOUNTS WHICH WERE USED TO FUND THE 1992 APPEAL WERE SET UP IN SUCH A WAY THAT MOST OF THE RETURNING MONEY WILL REVERT TO THE TREASURY, NOT TO RP FOR FUTURE REFUGEE USE. RP IS LOOKING FOR TECHNICALITIES WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE

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REPROGRAMMING BUT IS NOT OPTIMISTIC.  
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